

The Oakley City Council met in regular session on January 4, 2022, in the meeting room at the Oakley City Office, 415 W. 2nd Street, at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Shane Stephenson presided.

Council members present. Leasa Huddle, Russ Kahle and Eli Winger were present; Kile Zerr joined the meeting by cell phone after the meeting started. Ilene Nickel was absent.

Council members elect. Trevor Mader and Cheryl Stewart.

City staff present. City Administrator Brock Sloan, Police Chief Daniel Cooper, and City Clerk Leann Hughes.

Others present. None.

Call to order. Mayor Stephenson called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting. Huddle moved to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2021, regular meeting, as presented. Winger seconded. Motion carried. Huddle and Winger voting yes; Kahle abstaining. Action (#14797).

Approval of AP Payment Register. Winger moved to approve the December 30, 2021, AP Payment Register, in the amount of \$15,648.03, (Check Nos. 388; 48461-48463; 48466; and 48470-48492). Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14798).

Clerk Hughes presented a Treasurer Check Register to correct banking between the City's main Checking Account and the Prosecutor's Charitable Trust Account at Farmers State Bank and to replace a lost payroll check. Kahle moved to approve the Treasurer Check Register in the amount of \$277.70 to correct banking between the City's main Checking Account and the Prosecutor's Charitable Trust Account at Farmers State Bank and to replace a lost payroll check, (Check Nos. 48464-48465). Winger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14799).

Approval of Time Entry Report. Huddle moved to approve the Time Entry Report for December 12, 2021, to December 25, 2021, dated December 29, 2021, for the December 31, 2021, payroll, in the amount of \$51,293.62 for 2,231.89 hours (Check Nos. 17466-17472; ACH Nos. 96509-96545; AP Check Nos. 48467-48469; Wire Nos. 731-733). Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14800).

Oath of Office – Cheryl Stewart, Trevor Mader and Mayor Shane Stephenson. Clerk Hughes administered the Oath of Office to new Council Members Cheryl Stewart and Trevor Mader; and to Shane Stephenson as Mayor.

The Mayor and Council thanked Eli Winger for his service on the Council; Winger left the meeting.

Citizen Request to Speak. None.

Department Head Reports. None.

NEW DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

KDHE Wastewater Permit – In Compliance. City Administrator, Brock Sloan, reported the triannual inspection of the wastewater treatment facility by KDHE found the system to be in compliance, with no noted deficiencies. Sloan commended staff for a fine job in keeping up the facility and meeting KDHE regulations.

KDHE Loan Agreement – Ordinance No. 1172 – Wastewater Lagoons. Administrator Sloan presented a loan agreement between KDHE and the City to repay the State of Kansas for the loan to construct a fourth lagoon at the wastewater treatment plant to change the status from discharging to non-discharging. The loan is not to exceed \$652,900.00 and the estimated principal forgiveness is \$195,870.00, leaving the net loan costs at \$457,030.00 with an interest rate of 1.31%. It is a 20-year note starting in September 2023 with annual payments of \$13,024.97 for total payments of \$520,998.80. Sloan stated City Attorney Steve Hirsch reviewed the agreement and has signed the parts requiring his signature. Kahle moved to accept the Loan Agreement between the Kansas Department of Health and Environment acting on behalf of the State of Kansas and the City of Oakley, Kansas, KWPCRF Project No. C20 3031 01. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14801).

Administrator Sloan presented a proposed ordinance authorizing the execution of a loan agreement between the City of Oakley, Kansas, and the State of Kansas, acting by and through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for the purpose of obtaining a loan from the Kansas Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund for the purpose of financing a wastewater treatment project; establishing a dedicated source of revenue for repayment of such loan; authorizing and approving certain documents in connection therewith; and authorizing certain other actions in connection with the loan agreement. Kahle moved to approve Ordinance 1172, authorizing the execution of a loan agreement between the City of Oakley, Kansas and the State of Kansas. Huddle seconded. Motion carried. Huddle, Kahle, and Mader voting yes; Stewart abstaining. Action (#14802).

Payment in Lieu of Tax. Administrator Sloan reported Carolyn Robben, Oakley Housing Authority, submitted a request for the City to approve a waiver of the Payment in Lieu of Taxes for 2022. Discussion followed. Huddle moved to approve a waiver of the Payment in Lieu of Taxes for the Oakley Housing Authority for 2022. Stewart seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14803).

Donation – Westview Recreational Center. Administrator Sloan reported Carolyn Robben, Oakley Housing Authority, submitted a request for a donation of \$4,000.00 for improvements for the Westview Recreational Center. This center is available to all citizens of the community for a small donation of \$5.00. Huddle moved to approve a donation of \$4,000.00 to Oakley Housing Authority, for improvements for the Westview Recreational Center, to be paid out of the General Fund. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14804).

Donation – WKCAC. Administrator Sloan reported the Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center has requested an additional donation. Sloan reviewed past donations made by the City and Council Member Stewart expressed that she feels this organization does a lot of good in the community. Stewart moved to approve a donation of \$8,000.00 to the Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center, to be paid out of the General Fund. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14805).

Donation - Options. Administrator Sloan reported Options Domestic and Sexual Violence Services, Inc., has requested additional funding in the amount of \$1,500.00. Huddle moved to approve a donation of \$1,500.00 to the Options Domestic and Sexual Violence Services, to be paid out of the General Fund. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14806).

Principal Life – Rate Increase. Administrator Sloan presented a notice of a small increase in the cost of Principal Life Insurance, which is funded by the City. Huddle moved to approve the renewal of Principal Life Insurance for employees eligible for Health Insurance with the rate increase for 2022. Stewart seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14807).

National Fitness Campaign. Administrator Sloan reported that Blue Cross/Blue Shield (BC/BS) of Kansas and the National Fitness Campaign have joined forces for installing fitness courts across Kansas. BC/BS is donating \$500,000.00 to construct 10 sites across Kansas. The fitness courts total cost is between \$165,000.00 and \$185,000.00, so the cost to the City would be \$115,000.00 to \$135,000.00 in a local match. He noted he contacted the local committee who is spearheading the

Annie Oakley Park project, but they do not feel it fits into their current plans. Discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Council to have Administrator Sloan pursue the grant opportunity with BC/BS since it is non-binding and, if awarded, the City can look for additional funding.

Council Member Kile Zerr joined the meeting by cell phone at approximately 7:26 PM.

UNFINISHED DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS: None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Brock Sloan, City Administrator. Administrator Sloan reported on several items:

- Sloan reported employees have been putting together ideas for the Appreciation Banquet and asked for approval of an approximate budget of \$2,000.00 to \$2,500.00, depending on entrees selected. It was the consensus of the Council to approve the approximate budget amount of \$2,000.00 to \$2,500.00. Sloan also noted the tentative date has been set for February 12, 2022, at the Oakley Country Club.
- Sloan reminded the Council that the scraper owned by Eberle Construction, Inc., caught fire at the landfill the night of the last Council Meeting. They are looking at trying to get back on the landfill cell next week. He noted he was contacted by Matt Mildenberger and Sporer Land Development, Inc., concerning the demolition of the motel near I-70. Sloan stated he put them on hold as far as accepting materials from the demolition due to lack of room at the landfill until the new cell is completed. Discussion followed. Council Member Zerr inquired if the debris from the motel could be stockpiled at the landfill until the cell was completed. Sloan stated that Marc Burris, Landfill Director, checked with KDHE and this is not allowed because the City facility is not a C&D facility.
- Sloan noted the City received a Gold Standard Safety Award from Kansas Municipal Insurance Trust for 2021.

Leann Hughes, City Clerk. No report.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Council Member Zerr welcomed new Council Members Trevor Mader and Cheryl Stewart.

Mayor Stephenson also welcomed the new Council Members.

Adjourn. Huddle moved to adjourn the meeting. Kahle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#14808). Mayor Stephenson adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:38 P.M.

Leann M. Hughes, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The members of the Council acknowledged receipt of a copy of the minutes; said minutes were approved as presented at the January 18, 2022, regular meeting.